



**1092nd meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**

7:30PM Wednesday April 25, 2007
Room 370, Building C, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California



Augustus St. Gaudens
Whalen

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Please join us Wednesday April 25, 2007 to hear Whalen tell us about the life of the famous sculptor August St. Gaudens.

Important announcement!

The new starting time for the regular portion of the meeting will be 7:30PM. This is thirty minutes earlier than we have had in the past. Under the new procedures, the board meeting will end at precisely 7:30 and the regular meeting will begin. The intent of this change is to let members, especially those with long drives, get home a bit earlier.

June Banquet

We plan to return to the Golden Mirror Restaurant in San Francisco.

1091st meeting. March 28, 2007: Medallic Portraits of Martin Luther King, Jr. *Herb Miles*

PCNS member Herb Miles presented a PowerPoint slide show of medallic portraits of assassinated Civil Rights leader, Martin Luther King, Jr. Herb brought approximately 40 or so distinct representations of Dr. King in various poses on pinbacks, medals, and tokens.

A summary of his life, cut short at age 39, was given showing the many things accomplished during that short span of years, i.e., becoming a pastor at age 24, spearheading the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott of 1955-1956, helping to win passage of the Civil Rights act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. A number of wonderful accomplishments that most of us could never hope to achieve in even 70 years, let alone 39.

Exhibits (reported by *Herb Miles*)

Steve Huston exhibited a large booklet page featuring King Stephen of England, an item that fits neatly into one of his collecting areas, and two nice hardback Krause publications that had been presentation copies.

Michael Wehner brought a nice Steamboat Saloon token (a dance hall according to Jerry) and a very intriguing Atwood-Coffee transportation token, "Good for a Camel Ride" from the Dahomey Village, once thought to be from Chicago as the Worlds' Fair in 1892-93 contained a Dahomey Village, but this token has since been

conclusively proven to be from San Francisco because of the die sinker's signature, Moise.

Lew Robinson brought two interesting items, a 1970 Dollar from Liberia, the once peaceful African nation founded by freed slaves from the United States, and a "Where's George" dollar bill, an item overprinted with the slogan "Where's George" that allows one to track a particular note by entering the serial number on the "Where's George" website and noting the places where the note has already been seen.

Federico Castillo exhibited two books and two coins. One book is a recent edition on Costa Rican coinage authored by the foremost authority on that small country, Dr. Chacon, entitled "From the Real to the Colon." The second volume is on Guatemalan coinage, written by an Argentinian (I believe Federico stated!) entitled "Historia Numismatica de Guatemala." The two coins were part of the official countermarks done on Costa Rican coinage in the early 20th century, except these were inverted!

Gordon Donnell brought his usual winnings from a local raffle, this time a 1880 San Francisco worn \$5 gold piece!

Ed Treuting back from his trip to the Yucatan peninsula never figured he would purchase coins on a vacation, but lo and behold, he found a flea market during his trip, and bought a 1915 D & 1952 S silver Washington quarter as well as a 1919 Mercury Dime and last but not least, an error off center Mexican Un Peso that he then graciously donated to the Raffle. Thanks Ed!

Whalen exhibited a counterfeit Trade dollar and Morgan dollar, and his uncle's very fine old pharmacist's scale that he could now use for weighing coins to help distinguish the counterfeit from the good.

And Herb Miles invited all to view the various tokens and medals of Martin Luther King.

Raffle

Our Raffle raised \$45.00 and featured the following items.

- 1) 4 nice old checks from various western banks went to Ed Treuting
- 2) A 3 piece Silver Bicentennial Coin Set went home with Sandra Whalen
- 3) Whalen took the error Un Peso donated by Ed
- 4) Lew Robinson walked away with a Canadian 5 cent coaster
- 5) And Daniel Feldman won a off-center Lincoln cent.

Future presentations:

May 2007: Date is open for you!

Summertime 2007: Elliot Wehner: Charles I coinage

October 207: Steve Huston: TBA

Please contact Michael Wehner at mf_wehner@yahoo.com or at 415 928 4469 if you would like to make a presentation

2007 Annual Papers Contest

The submittal date for the 2007 contest is the April meeting. PCNS members are renowned for their in-depth numismatic knowledge. Please consider sharing that knowledge in the form of a paper for the society!